

## REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error in that "variable" is the correct term to be used. Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate SEQ ID NO: 14 pursuant to the Examiner's request. Claim 12 has been amended to correct a typographical error to make the term "linker" plural. No new matter is introduced by virtue of these amendments. Accordingly, Applicants kindly request that they be entered into the instant application.

No fee is believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account no. 16-1150 (order no. 8484-089-999).

Respectfully submitted,

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